Statement

Details of cases of illegal kidney and other organ transplantations in various Government/ Private Hospitals reported and action taken - as received from various states/union territories

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Details of cases reported
1.	NCT of Delhi	Delhi Police has registered six FIRs in respect of illegal kidney transplantations in Research and Referral Hospital, New Delhi, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi and Kakkar Hospital, Amritsar. As a result, ten people had been arrested by the Delhi Police.
2.	Maharashtra	Government of Maharashtra have informed that in January 2004 Dr. S.P. Trivedi of Bombay Hospital, Mumbai has been prosecuted for the charges of cheating and forgery that deal with illegal trafficking of human organs.
3.	Punjab	Government of Punjab have reported that sale of human organs for transplant, particularly kidneys was detected in a few cases in the State which are under investigation of the Special Investigating Team constituted for this purpose. As a result of the investigations, many people have been arrested and one hospital, namely, Ram Saran Dass Kishorilal Charitable Trust Hospital, Amritsar has been deregistered. However, there is no large scale exploitation of the poor in the name of organ transplant in the State.
4.	Gurgaon, Haryana	CBI has re-registered two cases pertaining to Gurgaon (Haryana) and Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh). CBI has arrested 8 suspected doctors and their associates.
5.	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	

Other States/Union Territories have not reported any commercial sale of organs.

Withdrawal of medicines from markets

864. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a significant number of drugs being manufactured by established pharmaceutical companies were ordered to be withdrawn from the market;

(b) whether these drugs were being sold in the market without the necessary licences from the concerned authority; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?s

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Drugs Controller General of India [DCG(I)] had issued directions under Section 33(P) of Drugs and Cosmetics Act in November, 2007 to the Drugs Controllers of all the States/UTs to suspend the manufacturing licenses granted by them for Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) drugs under question.

(b) and (c) These drugs were being sold in the market with the licenses granted by State Licensing Authority without approval from the DCG(I). However, in January, 2008, the Drug Manufacturers and their Associations had filed Writ Petitions No.34777-34781/2007, 35354/07, 35844/07 and 36369/07 in the High Court of Madras at Chennai, and the matter is sub judice.

Eradication of bird-flu

865. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bird-flu disaster has occurred in the country on an earlier occasion and went through after causing a major damage;

(b) if so, whether it is due to inadequate or ineffective preventive action taken or due to some other factors which are beyond the human control to recur again;

(c) the loss due to bird-flu occurred last time; and

(d) the extent of loss so far occurred and whether there can be an assurance that it can be eliminated once and for all within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The earlier occurrences of bird flu in the country have caused losses to the poultry industry in varying degree.

(b) The Government of India has, in conjunction with the States/Union Territories, taken necessary and effective steps to prevent the occurrence of bird flu in the country. Following could be one of the reasons, among others, for occurrence of bird flu:

(i) bird to bird contact in border areas;

(ii) smuggling of infected birds;

(iii) scavenger, wild and migratory birds;

(iv) Inadequate bio-security in poultry production system.

(c) and (d) As per industry information, the ex-farm egg prices suffered a decline ranging from 26% in Delhi to about 42.9% in Kolkata between 7th January and 5th February, 2008. During the same period, ex-farm live bird broiler prices declined from 10.3% in Delhi to 64% in Kolkata. The poultry industry has put the loss due to the current episode of bird flu in West Bengal at Rs.1500 crore over a period of two months.

The risk of the occurrence of bird flu continues to exist so long as the country remains vulnerable to the potential causes of the disease. The Government will, however, continue to take necessary preventive steps to minimize this risk.